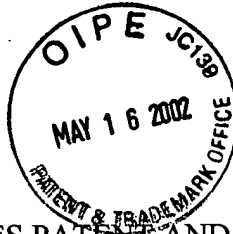


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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)	May 15, 2002

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,274,059
- (2) Japan 1-140727
- (3) Japan 8-187475
- (4) Korea 95-9958

References (2) to (4) were cited during prosecution of a Korean application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Korean Search Report is enclosed. Reference (1) is believed to be an English-language counterpart of reference (3).

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An English-language translation of the Korean Search Report, which is believed to comply with the concise explanation of relevance for references (2) to (4), is enclosed. Also enclosed are English-language abstracts for references (2) and (3).

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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